

# THE SHAKERITE

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A close-up photograph of a newspaper's edge. The paper is off-white with a visible fibrous texture. The text 'Serving more than 600,000 readers' is printed in a black, sans-serif font, oriented diagonally along the edge. Below this, the letters 'InP' are printed in a large, bold, red font with a yellow outline. The background is solid black.

A close-up photograph of a newspaper masthead. The word "Press" is written in large, bold, red letters. Below "Press", a blue banner contains the names of three towns: "Beachwood • Cleveland Heights • Shaker He". The background is a blurred image of a city street scene.

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## EDITORS' NOTE

### Welcome to the new Shakerite

Dear readers,

Although The Shakerite has long been recognized as one of the country's best high school newspapers, we decided that it was time for a change.

Our paper was older than many of our grandparents, but we don't write for grandparents. We write for you, our beloved Shaker students who have seen us through Vietnam, parachute pants and even the 2000 election. And it was with you in mind that we made our decision to completely overhaul The Shakerite – the way we write, the way we design and the way we cover issues.



**Aviva Ariel**

Life at the high school (or at least the way you read about it) will never be the same.

Each month, you'll find an index on page two. It will be your guide to navigating the 12-24-page paper. Page three will give you a calendar designed to keep you up-to-date on concerts, sporting events and things going on in the community. Check to see when the band is playing, where to see the next soccer game and how to get to the council meetings all you government students need.



**Emily Grannis**

The other sections have all been made-over, complete with new names: Noteworthy (News), Shaker Speaks (Opinion), The Edge (Forum), The Beat (Pulse), Limelight (Arts) and The Raider Zone (Sports). We know you might be getting overly excited about the new names, but don't get your knickers in a twist because we still haven't told you about The Core. The Core will appear as a four-page paper within the paper. Each month, teams of reporters and editors will get down and dirty with issues that affect us. Get ready for multiple pages of the best graphics and reporting around.

Changes to the paper will be everywhere. Expanded sports coverage will include game statistics, more reporting at the games and action shots of the athletes.

In Shaker Speaks, our opinions tend to be one-sided arguments and it's important for us to represent the range of opinions in Shaker. To do this, each editor will have one opportunity per year to publish a signed dissent to the staff editorial. But that's still our opinion. Whether you agree or disagree, think we're worse than homework on flex nights or better than unexpected snow days, it's important you care enough to let us hear from you. Readers are invited to submit reviews of movies, books and CDs to [shakerite@shaker.org](mailto:shakerite@shaker.org).

In The Edge, as the name suggests, we want to push you to consider tough issues, but we need you to respond to our challenge. A newspaper is only as good as its readers, and we hope that ours will step up.

We're going to dominate (no, seriously, you have no idea) and we want you all to be a part of it.

Your Editors in Chief



## THEY WANT YOU!

How many soldiers does it take to win an "ongoing battle against violent extremism" (aka war)? As Army and National Guard recruiters struggle to meet their quotas, the Pentagon is reaching deeper into the lives of students and their parents.

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### INGENIOUS REVITALIZATION

When indie rock concerts, street performers on stilts and Senior Ensemble hit the streets of Cleveland, you know it's another attempt to bring the arts back to the city. The 2005 Ingenuity Festival, the product of a Shaker mind, brought art galleries and live performances to long-dead downtown buildings. Read about what -- besides a Browns' game -- coaxed 70,000 people downtown.

### PAGE 11, LIMELIGHT

#### Thousands of students can't be wrong!

**Mr. Overbeke's School of Driving**

"He actually taught us important things about driving!"

"The information sticks because you make it interesting and fun."

"Driving class is cool."

"I had a lot of fun and learned at the same time!"

"Mr. Overbeke, this class was A-OK!"

"This course was amazing!"

"I looked forward to coming to class!"

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## COACH TEKIELI ENDS HIS 35-YEAR FOOTBALL RUN

After decades of devout football game attendance, Ed Tekielu finally took a vacation. Did he deserve it?

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# This Month

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Hey, this is Allison, and I'm the editor of This Month. This Month starts with a calendar that is jam-packed full of concert dates, holidays, national observances and sporting events. As a new section, This Month hopes to grow with every issue. Feel free to cut the calendar out and put it in your locker or your planner for easy reference. If you have any ideas for the page or events that you would like posted, e-mail me at shakerite@shaker.org, subject "This Month." I really hope you enjoy the section!



OCT 7

## SMILE LIKE YOU MEAN IT

The most recognizable symbol of good will and good cheer on the planet is the smiley face, and Oct. 7 is all about celebrating it. Harvey Ball created the yellow smiley face in 1963 as part of a campaign to increase morale at the insurance company where he worked.

Thirty years later, he felt that the over-commercialization of the smiley face had undermined its original intent, so in 1999 he declared the first Friday of October World Smile Day. The theme of the day: "Do an act of kindness. Help one person smile." The first World Smile Day received national recognition when Congress read a proclamation stating "there are few symbols which so fully represent the American spirit of friendship, happiness and peace as the smiley face."

Since then, World Smile Day has been celebrated in various ways including the creation of a smiley face postage stamp. So whether you use the emoticon in e-mails and instant messaging, or draw it all over your history notes, make sure you keep the spirit of Oct. 7 alive and help someone smile.

## VISUAL VIBES AT VAN AKEN

Want to spend an afternoon supporting local artists? Then the third annual Visual Vibes art festival is for you. The art exhibit and crafts fair featuring emerging and established Shaker artists will be held at the Van Aken/Farnsleigh shopping center Oct. 14-16. According to the Shaker Arts Council, the arts fest is designed to show the wealth of talent that our community has to offer. Empty stores in the Van Aken strip will be turned into gallery spaces, while various businesses will showcase local artists' work throughout the preexisting **OCT. 14-16** stores. The

festival is free to the public and art is available for purchase.



## MUSICAL WEDNESDAY



Singer/Songwriter Jason Mraz will perform at the House of Blues at 8 p.m. Oct. 19. Mraz's mixture of pop, folk, jazz and country brought him widespread success with his first album, "Waiting for My Rocket to Come," which was released in 2003. His newest CD, "Mr. A-Z," was released in July. Mraz's clear tenor voice and songwriting skills make his stop in Cleveland a must-see. Tickets are \$25-\$35. If you can't make it downtown, the fall choir concert starts right here at the high school at 7:30 p.m. The multicultural theme "is a great chance for the choirs to show what they've been working on," choir teacher Robert Schneider said. **OCT. 19**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Farm Animals Day <b>2</b> Indians vs. White Sox 1 p.m.	MS Southview H 4:30 p.m. V/JV WS Southview A 4:30/ 6 p.m.	<b>3</b> SCHOOL CLOSED! Rosh Hashanah Ramadan begins MGLF A Time TBA V WT Sectionals A Time TBA (through Oct. 9)	<b>4</b> World Teachers' Day Student Council meeting 10 a.m. V MS Garfield Hts. H 4:30 p.m. WV Admiral King A 4:30 p.m. WCC Wickliffe Invit. 4:30 p.m.	<b>5</b> Poetry Day 9 FT Admiral King A 4:30 p.m. FH Hathaway Brown A 4:30 p.m. V WS Beaumont A 4:30 p.m. JV WS Beaumont H 4:30 p.m. WV Mentor A 4:30 p.m.	<b>6</b> World Smile Day Spirit Day Breakfast 7:15 a.m.	<b>1</b> JV FT Euclid H 10 a.m. V/JV FH Bishop Watterson A 11 a.m. V/JV WS Chardon H 11 a.m. V/JV FH Thomas Worthington A 3 p.m.
National Children's Day <b>9</b> Corn and Pumpkin Harvest Lake Farm Park 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Browns v. Chicago H 1 p.m.	<b>10</b> JV FT Admiral King A 4:30 p.m. FH Cleveland Hts. A 4:30 p.m. MS Holy Name H 4:30 p.m. V/JV WS Madison A 5:30 p.m. Band Boosters 7:00 p.m.	<b>11</b> Picture Retakes WV Lakewood H 4:30 p.m. V WT districts (through Oct. 16) A Time TBA	<b>12</b> 9 FT Mentor A 4:30 p.m. V MS Admiral King A 4:30 p.m. V/JV WS Admiral King H 4:30 p.m.	<b>13</b> SCHOOL CLOSED! Yom Kippur	<b>14</b> SCHOOL CLOSED! WV Cleveland Hts. A 4:30 p.m. Visual Vibes at Van Aken	<b>8</b> V FT Admiral King H 2 p.m. Homecoming Dance 8 p.m. V/JV WS Lake Catholic H 11 a.m. MCC Medina Invitational 1:30 p.m. Crew @ Columbus
Dictionary Day <b>16</b> Browns v. Baltimore A 1 p.m.	<b>17</b> JV FT Mentor A 4:30 p.m. FH state qualifying games (through Oct. 22) WV sectionals (through Oct. 22)	<b>18</b> October is National Pizza Month	<b>19</b> Early Dismissal Fall choir concert 7:30 p.m. Jason Mraz House of Blues 7 p.m.	<b>20</b> National Fruit Day Theater Ensemble Fall Preview 8 p.m. 9 FT Lakewood H 4:30 p.m.	<b>21</b> Amy Ray Grog Shop 9 p.m. End first quarter Orionids Meteor Shower WG Sectional (through Oct. 22) time TBA	<b>22</b> ACT 8-11 a.m. JV FT Lakewood H 10 a.m. W/MCC district meet Painesville V WT States at OSU TBA
<b>23</b> Browns vs. Detroit H 1 p.m.	<b>24</b> WV districts (through Oct. 28)	<b>25</b> Taurids Meteor Shower begins	<b>26</b> Miemeyer Grog Shop 9 p.m. Fall Orchestra Concert 7:30 p.m. 9 FT Cleveland Hts. A 4:30 p.m.	<b>27</b> Make a Difference Day JV FT Cleveland Hts A 4:30 p.m.	<b>28</b> Lotus Grog Shop 9 p.m. Report cards mailed	<b>29</b> Internet Day V FT Cleveland Hts. H 2 p.m. W/MCC regional meet Boardman
<b>30</b> Daylight Saving Time Ends, move clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. Browns v. Houston A 1 p.m.	<b>31</b> Halloween Calla Grog Shop 9 p.m. WV Regionals (through Nov. 5)	<b>KEY</b>	FT - football FH - field hockey MS - men's soccer WS - women's soccer WV - women's volleyball WT - women's tennis	MCC - men's cross country WCC - women's cross country MGF - men's golf WGF - women's golf H - home A - away		

## A SLICE A DAY KEEPS HUNGER AWAY

Where can you find BBQ sauce, meatballs and potato wedges all mixed together? On a pizza, of course. Pizza has reached new heights, with record-breaking sizes, unique toppings and even its own month.

October has been known as National Pizza Month since 1984. Gerry Durnell established this honor in commemoration of Pizza Today magazine's first issue.

The average American eats 46 slices of pizza per year, which means that 350 slices of pizza are being eaten every second in the United States.

Pepperoni - America's favorite topping - adorns 36 percent of all store-bought pizzas. We use 25.2 million pounds of pepperoni each year. You may be used to traditional toppings like onions and peppers, but recently gourmet toppings such as oysters, dandelions, tuna and venison have been gaining popularity. Pizza makers have also tested toppings like peanut butter and jelly, bacon and eggs and mashed potatoes.

In India, pizzas are topped with pickled ginger, mutton and a form of cottage cheese, while the Japanese prefer squid, mayonnaise, potato and bacon and Russians serve pizzas with sardines, tuna, mackerel, salmon and onions.

So this October, in honor of National Pizza Month, nix the plain cheese pizza and try something new.



## LET THEM EAT CAKE

Screams of "Trick or treat" and "Happy Halloween" will be heard throughout Shaker Oct. 31 when children (and a few nostalgic teenagers) run around your neighborhood expecting candy. The festive night actually began as Samhain, a celebration of the New Year in Celtic Ireland in the fifth century B.C.E. Believed to be the day spirits of the dead came out looking for living bodies to possess for the next year, the Irish people made their villages look dark and cold while dressing in scary costumes in order to frighten the spirits away.



**OCT. 31**

As the Catholic Church gained power, it tried to end all pagan holidays. The event we know today as Halloween got its name when it merged over the centuries with All Hallow's Day, the Church's attempt to take attention away from Samhain. The most important custom of trick-or-treating, however, came from the European custom of begging neighbors for small cakes.



Hello! Welcome to Noteworthy, the news section of The Shakerite. This year our coverage of Shaker will include an emphasis on graphics that will help make news stories more interesting and easier to understand. You can rely on Noteworthy to cover all the latest rule changes, tell you which way you should go up the stairs this week and provide other critical information. If you have any news tips, feel free to contact us, Carrie and Adam, at [shakerite@shaker.org](mailto:shakerite@shaker.org).

# NoteWorthy

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**372 k**  
students K-12 displaced by the storm in the gulf region

**45,000**  
displaced students taken in by Houston schools

**\$488**  
million requested by Bush administration to give federal vouchers to displaced students so they can attend private schools in other states

**0**  
number of paychecks New Orleans Public Schools teachers will receive unless Congress agrees to provide the system with \$2.4 billion in emergency aid for teacher benefits and salaries

**400**  
teaching vacancies South Carolina hopes to fill with gulf region teachers out of work

Compiled from CNN, the Jackson Clarion-Ledger, Myrtle Beach Online and New Orleans Public Schools website.

## STUDENTS OFFER MEASURED RESPONSE TO SUN PRESS CLAIMS ABOUT CLIMATE

BY CARRIE REESE AND ADAM WEINSTEIN  
NOTEWORTHY EDITORS

If you take The Sun Press at its word, Shaker students are out of control. If you seek out Shaker students, however, you'll get a more measured view.

The unflattering characterization of students was the theme of a series of articles that ran in The Sun Press over the summer. The first two articles, written by reporter Karen Kurdziel and published July 21, July 28, Aug. 4 and Aug. 11, reproduced statements made by math teacher Al Slawson, who retired at the end of last year, and journalism teacher Natalie Sekicky. (Both teachers' comments, in which they characterized disrespectful behavior in the halls as disruptive to the learning process, appeared first in the Shaker Heights Teachers' Association newsletter last June). The stories also contained quotes, many anonymous, from Sun Press readers.

"I really didn't like the articles because they were only pointing out the negatives of Shaker," senior Traci Palmer said.

Palmer thinks there was truth in the articles, but she added that the problem is universal. She said that she had heard The Sun Press had sensationalized Sekicky's comments, but also feels they were unrealistic.

"If you put Ms. Sekicky in a Cleveland school, or even in Mentor, she'd quickly want to come back."

Principal Michael Griffith gave students a chance to anonymously respond to the issues raised by The Sun Press during an hour-long homeroom Aug. 26. Palmer thinks that the homeroom was a good idea and sees improvement in student behavior.

"This year we [aren't] as loud or using as much foul language," she said.

Parents, teachers and students contacted The Sun Press in response to the newspaper's representation of the high school, and their reflections were published in subsequent articles. Some of the harshest criticism was directed not at students but at Principal Michael Griffith.

Griffith argues that Shaker's situation is not unique. "It's a societal concern about adolescent behavior in general. There is a change in the cultural times," he said, noting that the same concerns exist at Laurel or University School.

### Question and answer with Principal Michael Griffith



**Q:** Were The Sun Press articles a fair assessment of the high school and, if so, what can be done?

**A:** Where the articles fall short is finger pointing and blaming the students when we need to look in the mirror as adults.

**Q:** What would you say to those who suggest that your leadership is failing the high school?

**A:** I'm not sure the basis people use for the judgment is the same as mine. I look at the fact that the majority of students suc-

ceed and not just here but beyond. Every constituency or group has had success, meaning students from all backgrounds.

**Q:** In one of the articles written by The Sun Press, an anonymous source stated that you should be fired. Does some of the negative attention you've received create a cause for concern regarding your job security?

**A:** No, I would never say I am scared for my job. I always want and try to do the best job I can on the behalf of the students.

Compiled by Adam Weinstein

Griffith said overcrowding in hallways is partly to blame for bad behavior; he instituted one-way only staircases to reduce congestion after reviewing students' homeroom comments.

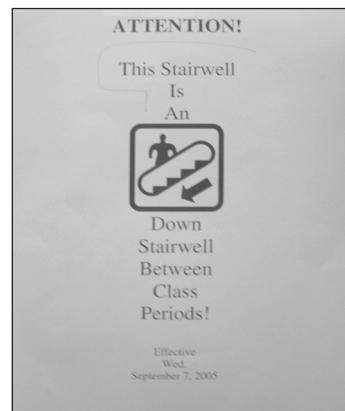
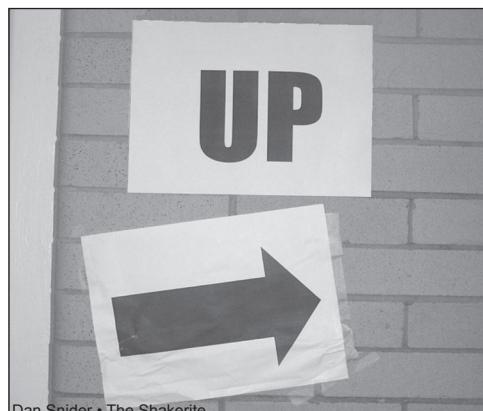
Other comments in the articles linked conduct to the achievement gap between African-American and white students.

"There is no doubt that there is a huge correlation between academic success and these behaviors," said Griffith, who feels, however, that these issues have more to do with socioeconomic status than race.

Although Slawson has received flack from parents and teachers, his response to the published articles was positive.

"The most important part is that the community is talking about it," he said.

## Policy change takes first step toward easing crowding



**WESLEY LOWERY**  
SHAKER SPEAKS EDITOR

Students saw the first results of their respect-themed homeroom meetings when administrators introduced their new stairway policy Sept. 7.

The new rule states that during passing periods, the staircase near the small auditorium is down-only and the staircase near the cafeteria is up-only.

Assistant Principal Michelle Ayers has been pleased with the results so far. "Students arrive to class more quickly and with ease," she said. "It may have been

difficult for some students at first, but once they found alternative routes, most students arrive on time to class."

Not all students agree that the new policy reduces tardiness.

"The up and down stairs are very inconvenient," senior Leticia Harris said. "I think they should eliminate the policy and leave things the way they were."

Some students, however, do think the policy has helped.

"The new policy makes traveling the hallways easier" junior Lianesha Mays said, "but they are still too crowded."

# The Core

Welcome to The Core, The Shakerite's completely renovated, totally amazing insert that investigates one issue in-depth every month. It's Centerpiece with bigger graphics, cooler stories and way more spunk. So pick it up, check it out and let us know what you think!



## We Want You

The military has your name, phone number and home address . . . all courtesy of Shaker Heights High School. Under the 2001 No Child Left Behind Act, our school, like all public high schools nationwide, must report this information about juniors and seniors to the government for recruiting purposes. This month, The Core looks at current military recruitment efforts and how they are affecting Shaker students.



Q&A with Shaker residents, military recruiter and a privacy advocate

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Military draft policies in other countries

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One editor's opinion on the high school's role in recruiting

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# IN OUR SCHOOL . . .



CPL. PATRICK REYNOLDS, Staff Sgt. Sean Harris and Spc. Scott Jacobs came to the high school Sept. 13 to recruit students for the Army. They said three students had expressed interest on this trip.

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# AROUND THE WORLD . . .

THE UNITED STATES GOT RID OF THE DRAFT IN 1973, BUT CITIZENS OF SOME OTHER COUNTRIES STILL HAVE TO SERVE. HERE, YOU MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD TO ENLIST; OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE THEIR OWN REQUIREMENTS. LOOK AT THE MAP FOR THE FACTS ON SOME RANDOMLY SELECTED NATIONS.



## CALLING ALL STUDENTS

The high school provides juniors' and seniors' names, telephone numbers and addresses to the military, as mandated by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Students have the choice to "opt-out," but that requires, in Shaker's case, going unlisted in the school directory.

Principal Michael Griffith said using the same form for the military, colleges and the directory is done for convenience and efficiency. However, he saw "no compelling reason" why they couldn't be separated.

"We need to review the policy," he said. "It's never come up before."

Marcus Neal ('05), who is joining the Air Force, said it's not fair for the high school to release that information to the military.

"It's just an excuse to lure children in," he said. "A lot of recruiters lie. I was fortunate to get an honest recruiter. I also have a lot of family in the military, and they verified what he said."

## WE WANT . . . PARENTS?

A recent barrage of Army TV ads has focused on parents, with one depicting an African-American teenage male telling his mother he has decided to "become a man."

Neal's mother, Patricia Neal, said she had "mixed emotions" when Marcus told her was going to join the Air Force.

"There was definitely concern," she said. "I asked him, 'Are you sure?'"

Patricia spoke with Marcus' recruiter to find out about educational opportunities while serving and to get a better idea of what Marcus would be doing.

"He did his homework," Patricia said. "He felt comfortable with it, and eventually so did we."

Compiled by Lauren Weiss

# Military recruiters make tough sell

## • Shaker students speak about experience with armed forces

BY LAUREN WEISS  
THE CORE EDITOR

When Marcus Neal ('05) decided to join the military, he chose the U.S. Air Force because he viewed it as the "safer high school."

"It's been pretty steady," he said. "We haven't seen the numbers go up or down because of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan."

Peterjohn hypothesized that choosing college was more popular because of a tradition of higher education in the community.

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"I'm still young," he said. "I'll be able to go back to college later on. If I didn't join the Air Force I'd regret it."

Harrison said that educational benefits attracted him to the Air Force. He plans to work toward a degree in criminal justice during his four-year tour.

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Guidance counselor David Peterjohn estimated that every year, only a "handful" of students decide to enlist right after high school.

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"I got to the point where I had to dodge his calls until he left me alone," Neal said.

In addition to contacting students at home, military recruiters come to the high school. Carolyn Garvin, the college reference room coordinator, schedules one time a month for each branch to come in and set up a table in the cafeteria.

Sgt. Sheldon Argo of the Marines was at the high school the second week of school. He said he uses trips to high schools to "shake as many hands as possible."

"I am very effective because I have a genuine love for the Marines," Argo said. "The passion helps sell itself."

He estimated that 30 percent of students are initially interested when he begins his pitch.

"A lot of people are joining now for the intangible benefits, like leadership and the challenge," Argo said.

The Army, however, is still pushing financial and educational benefits, according to Cpl. Patrick Reynolds.

Reynolds ('01), who served in Iraq from February 2003 to February 2004, is the new Army recruiter for the high school. He, along with Staff Sgt. Sean Harris and Spc. Scott Jacobs came to the high school Sept. 13 and took information from three interested students.

"You get to pick your job. You're not hoaxed into anything," Reynolds said.

Reynolds joined the Army because he wanted a good job right out of high school. Harris, on the other hand, needed money for college. He's been in for 10 years, however, and plans on staying until he retires in another 10.

"I got in shape, both physically and mentally," Harris said. "I got to find out who I was."

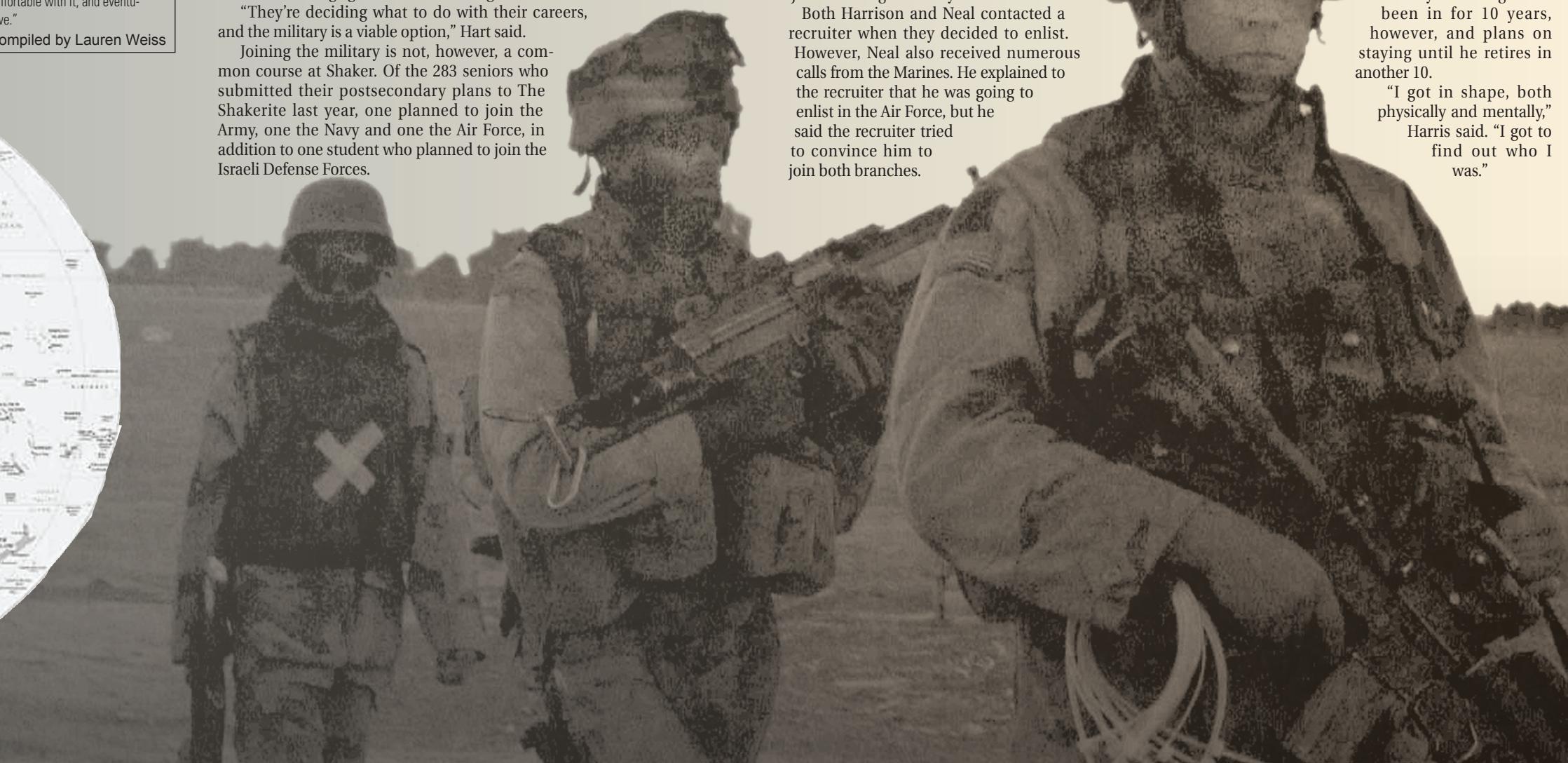


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## 'Opting-out' not so optional

I wouldn't say that the U.S. Army is exactly recruiting me, or even that I spend time thinking of ways to avoid their calls or e-mails (even though we all know they're in need of female soldiers who can't even reach the plates stacked on the top shelves of their kitchen cabinets), but as I searched through the small stack of school paperwork that arrived in the mail a few weeks before the start of school, I realized that something fishier than the outcome of the 2000 election was going on.



**Aviva Ariel**

I realized that a provision within the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires the high school to share my personal information with the government. The NCLB mandates that schools that wish to receive federal funding share students' names, telephone numbers and addresses upon military request, the idea being that the military has just as much right to access this "directory information" as prospective employers and college admissions offices.

There is an "opt-out" plan that allows parents to make a written request to keep their child's information out of military databases. At Shaker, however, "opting-out" means that information cannot be published in the school directory, either. The school does not wish to delve into the overwhelming task of organizing more than 1,000 students' information into different categories based on their wishes to "opt-out" of sharing information with the military and/or school directory. For me, choosing between the military and the PTO was a slightly bigger dilemma than deciding between honors or AP Calculus.

There is no question that I do not want to release my information to the military, but I was forced to weigh my choices: I could either feed my identity into the battle ground of military recruitment tactics so that my personal information would be available for friends and co-workers, or I could lock my information inside the barracks of personal privacy. One option meant that anyone in the government could target me through a quick database search, the other that my phone would sit idle for the next year.

Although I think the effects of No Child Left Behind on a student's education are about as productive as our search for Osama Bin Laden, this marked the first time my personal life was influenced by the government's legislation. Many of us have been through the agony of waking up early for the OGT, and we have witnessed the stress it puts on our school district, but neither standardized testing nor pep rallies for those tests put our privacy, our homes, our identities on the frontlines.

The bottom line is that it doesn't matter if you support the military or not because whether you're a war-monger or a '60s love child living in the wrong decade, you should never feel coerced into reporting your information to the Pentagon. But I guess (in the spirit of our president's favorite policy) you are either with the PTO directory or you are against it.

I'd have to say I'm with the PTO.

I could either feed my identity into the battle ground of military recruitment tactics . . . or I could lock my information inside the barracks of personal privacy.

# Recruitment: one issue, many views

### PAT CHEVALLIER ('05) • FRESHMAN AT OHIO UNIVERSITY



According to the "Iraq Coalition Casualty Count" at icasualties.com, between May 2003 and September 2005, approximately 1,900 American fatalities have been documented, although other deaths may have occurred without documentation. Reasons for these deaths include hostile fire, vehicle accidents, illness and drowning. An additional 21,881 American soldiers are reported injured in the last two years.

### MAX MILLER • JUNIOR



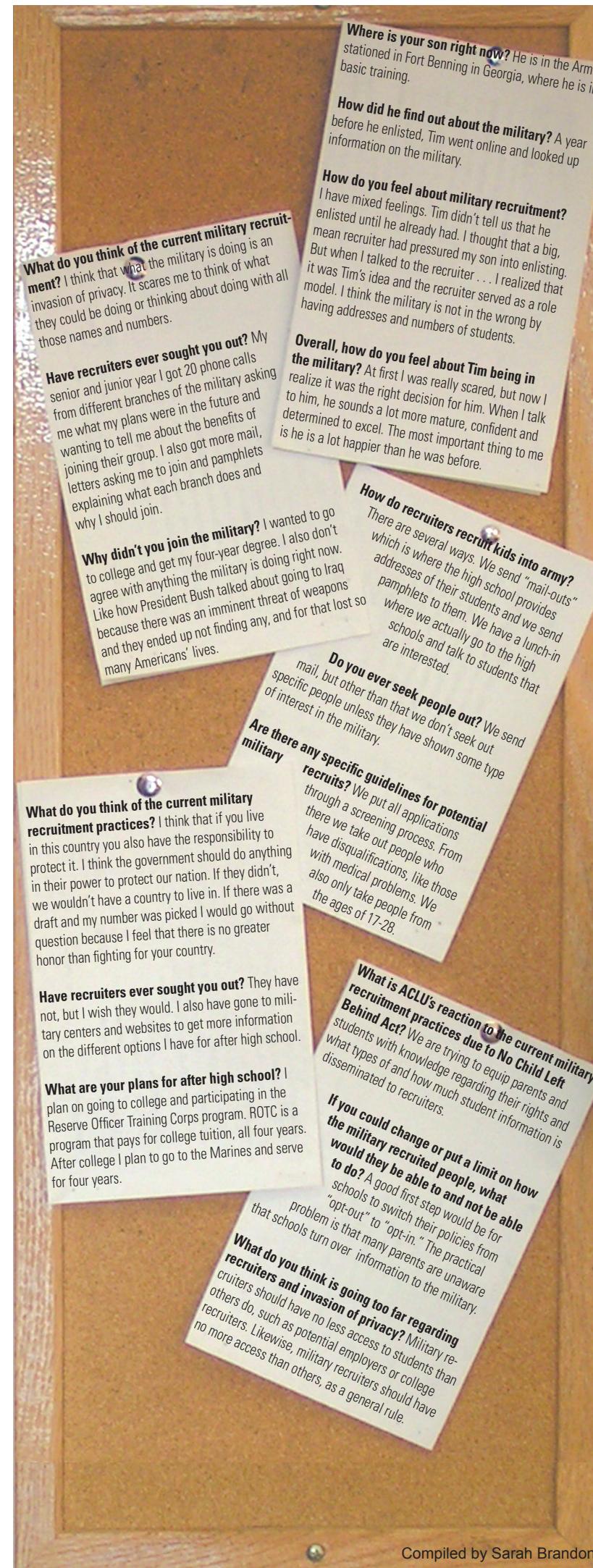
Reserve Officer Training Corps

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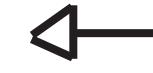
### SANDRA KOLB • SHAKER RESIDENT WITH SON, TIM KOLB, IN MILITARY

Every parent has a different reaction to having a child in the military. When Cindy Sheehan's son died in Iraq, she took it upon herself to bring the soldiers home. According to The New York Times, Sheehan set up a protest camp - Camp Casey - near President Bush's Crawford, Texas vacation ranch. She has yet to receive her desired audience with the President.



### STAFF SGT. JOSEPH MARKS

Despite what Sgt. Marks said, some military recruiters will do anything to meet quotas. Houston TV station KHOU reported that on May 11, 2005, Army recruiter Sgt. Thomas Kelt threatened to arrest Chris Monarch, a prospective soldier, if he didn't report to the recruiting station. Monarch was planning on enlisting in the Army, but later changed his mind. According to the KHOU website, Kelt used "hardball" tactics such as calling Monarch and leaving threatening messages. Kelt refused to comment. In response to this and other publicized issues, the Army designated May 20 for staff to review recruiting policies, while parents throughout the country began pressuring school districts to cease sharing student information with recruiters.



### GARY DANIELS • LITIGATION COORDINATOR OF AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF OHIO

# Shaker Speaks

9.30.05

Howdy Shaker! We're the Shaker Speaks editors, Wesley and Lena. It seems like everyone in town has an opinion about the student body these days; this section will give you the chance to make your voice heard. We have our opinions — we need yours. Send your thoughts on the issues that affect you to [shakerite@shaker.org](mailto:shakerite@shaker.org). Write "Shaker Speaks" in the subject line. We are excited to hear from you!



## IMPROVING HECTIC HALLWAYS

- From students to teachers, respect is key to reforming academic atmosphere



In light of the recent issues raised regarding behavior at the high school, we, the Editorial Board of The Shakerite, have outlined the changes that teachers, students and administrators can make in order to improve the learning environment.

### Adults

For the adults we have two simple expectations. First, establish uniform, clearly-stated policies and the willingness to enforce them. Second, administrators and other adults in the building need to display the same respect that they ask of us. Also, all adults in the school should set the right example for students by modeling appropriate behavior for an academic climate. Staff and administrators have already begun a better process of communication by asking for student responses to the issues addressed in The Sun Press.

### Students

We students need to respond and engage in productive dialogue in order to solve these problems. The responsibility to set a positive tone in the halls and classrooms is ours. We must take the initiative to nurture a scholarly tone at school. We must be prepared to learn and prepared to work with our peers and teachers. It's our job to be considerate of our peers and of the adults in our school — a job most of the students in our school fulfill daily.

### Community

It's true that some students do not exhibit appropriate language, dress or attitude at school, but the solution is a matter of respect and considerate behavior. As Principal Michael Griffith said, "We are a school community and therefore any behavior that affects anyone in the community affects us all." We agree that everyone has a role in fostering this community of respect in the high school.

This is our school and our community. We should have enough pride in it to make an effort. It is time for change. We encourage anyone with an opinion on these issues to write a letter to the editor of The Shakerite at [shakerite@shaker.org](mailto:shakerite@shaker.org).



Welcome to The Beat, the home of Heard in the Halls and your favorite feature stories. The new editors of this section are Miriam and Kate. We plan to give you more hall-related humor, juicier stories and eye-popping graphics. Know someone we should write about? Have your fingers on the pulse of an exciting trend? Want us to explain how the top of the C got through the loop of the L on the Coca-Cola can? We encourage anyone to e-mail us with comments, suggestions or questions at [shakerite@shaker.org](mailto:shakerite@shaker.org). Basically, it's going to be sweet. Remember, it's your paper. We just work here.

# KATRINA HITS CLOSE TO HOME

• Shaker connects with survivors, takes in displaced New Orleans students

## Dad's effort illuminates scale of change in Gulfport

Heroes don't usually come from Gulfport, Mississippi. To most of the United States, Gulfport, on the southern coast, is the armpit of the South: grungy, tacky, polluted and hot.

But Gulfport was beautiful at night. I remember lying in bed and hearing the sleepy howl of distant trains and the rhythmic singing of cicadas through my open window.

I spent time in Gulfport as a child visiting my father, Dr. C.W. Guess. He lives in Tennessee now, so I wasn't worried about him when Katrina hit. What I didn't expect, however, was that he would be volunteering in the

Gulfport Emergency Room as a general surgeon in the aftermath of the worst storm to ever hit the country.

"Some buddies and I from work just decided to head on down right after she hit, see what we could do," he explained.

The emergency room was so packed with victims, that by the time I spoke to him, he hadn't had a good night's sleep for three days.

"I worked in the ER to give the doctors that had been working a break. There was a man that wandered in one afternoon -- he wasn't mentally sound. It turns out I did his heart surgery a few years ago. Then there was a black male who had suffered severe lacerations to the torso and back, which he said five Dobermans gave him, and we had to use four to five staple guns to repair the damage. This guy's skin and muscles were shredded," my father recalled.

**Nobody died on my shift.**

Dr. C.W. Guess  
Volunteer general surgeon

He also said the city of Gulfport is in ruins. Today, because of the storm, Gulfport more closely resembles Americans' longstanding negative stereotype: the pink air-brush parlors lie in ruins; the casinos that lined the coast are strewn across the

street. If you're lucky enough to have a house to sleep in, you're more likely to notice the smell of destruction (a few tons of rotting shrimp and chicken) instead of the sounds of nature at peace.

"You can see uprooted trees 140 miles from the coast," he said. "About 50 percent of the trees are gone; the only ones that stayed were the really old live oaks. Almost every building has been completely leveled, and the ones that are still standing have severe structural damage, probably impossible to repair within reason. It looks like it's been hit by a bomb," he said.

My father took care of at least 90 emergency patients, and he estimates the hospital staff took care of 1,500 a day. From the smallest scratches to fractured skulls, Dad was there to do his job.

"Nobody died on my shift," he said.  
That's my Dad, and he's a hero.

## Hurricane Katrina brings two new students to Shaker

### MEGEN COWETT

**Status:** New junior

**Hometown:** Uptown New Orleans

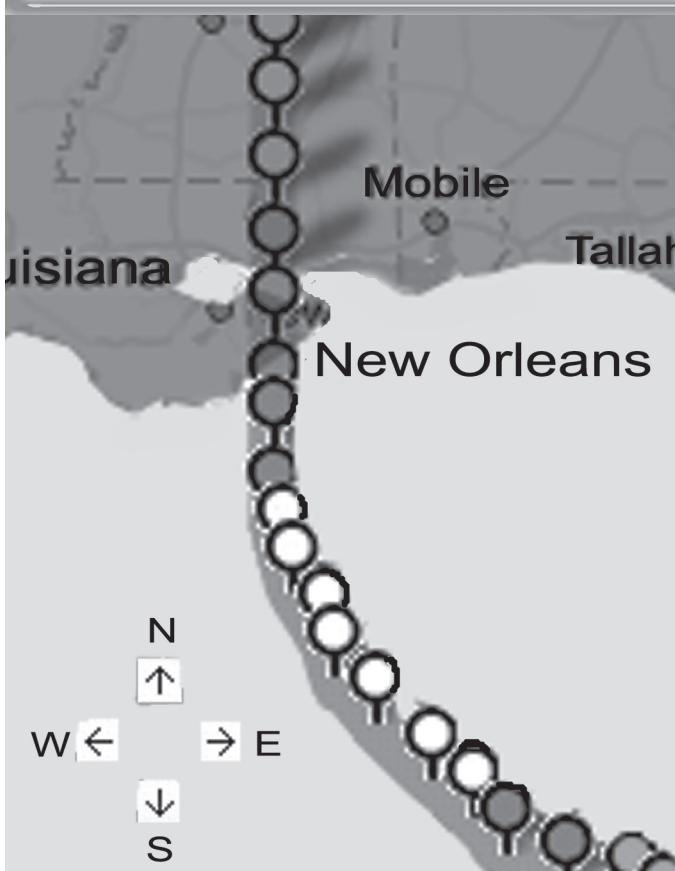


**Current home:** Aunt and uncle's home in Shaker

**Journey:** Although Cowett and her family usually stayed home during past hurricanes, Cowett, her parents and two siblings decided to leave their home at midnight Aug. 28 after the New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin pleaded with citizens to evacuate. After a short stop in Alabama, Cowett's family heard they would not be able to return home soon and headed north to Ohio. They arrived in Shaker at 3 a.m. Tuesday morning, Aug. 30.

**Adjustment to Shaker:** Cowett enrolled at the high school Sept. 2, and she describes her adjustment as "going very smoothly." Cowett attributes this to the fact that Shaker is very similar to her community in New Orleans and the high school also has many similarities to the public school she formerly attended. The guidance department has helped her adapt to her new surroundings by working with her schedule and giving her a tour. While school is going well, Cowett worries about her home in New Orleans. Her family's house likely took in up to five or six feet of water, and Cowett fears looters will take advantage of the vacancy. Cowett has kept in contact with her friends, who are spread across the country, via Internet; however, she does not know when she will be able to see them next.

**Future Plans:** Cowett and her family hope to return home to New Orleans soon to collect belongings. "It's hard to live without all my clothes and music," Cowett said. Cowett's family planned on only staying about a month in Shaker, but the lack of improvement in New Orleans means that their stay could be prolonged to a semester or even a year. If the situation does not improve within a year, Cowett said their move may become permanent. "If my dad gets a job in Cleveland, we may live here . . . forever."



Satellite view of the path of Hurricane Katrina along the Gulf Coast

### JILL HUGGARD

**Status:** New senior

**Hometown:** Metairie, a suburb of New Orleans



**Current Home:** Mother's relatives' home in Shaker

**Journey:** One month after moving to New Orleans from Texas, Huggard and her mother did not expect they would have to leave due to a hurricane. They left New Orleans the day before Katrina hit and drove for several hours to reach Houston. "It was beautiful the day I left. It usually is the day before a hurricane," Huggard said. After hearing on the news that they would not be able to return home, Huggard and her mom flew from Houston to Cleveland to stay with her mother's family.

**Adjustment to Shaker:** Huggard said the transition has "gone very well" since she enrolled Sept. 6. Although she is a senior, she has had no difficulty with transferring credits and is not worried about graduation. She attributes her smooth transition to the guidance counselors and especially security guard James Edge, who helped her find her classrooms. Shaker is very different from her former school in New Orleans, much to Huggard's relief. The public school she formerly attended had uniforms and strict rules that stifled her self-expression. "It was ridiculous. I'm really happy at Shaker," Huggard said. Although there are activities she is unable to be a part of in Shaker, such as the Iron Rail Book Collective, a philosophical discussion group located only in New Orleans, Huggard is interested in many of Shaker's clubs. She has already attended an Environmental Club meeting and hopes to join Youth Ending Hunger as well.

**Future Plans:** Huggard doubts she will return to New Orleans if her mother gets a job in Cleveland. Her mother hopes to at least go back to New Orleans briefly and collect any possessions left in good condition. Huggard worries that her home is flooded and that the roof may have blown off, but has no real interest in returning home and collecting her belongings. "It's just stuff. It's not a big deal to me," Huggard said. The hurricane has not affected her future plans for college, and she hopes to attend Hampshire University in Massachusetts next fall.

Image: Google Earth

What's up? We are Josh and Liz, your Limelight editors. In our pages, we will cover the arts in Shaker, Cleveland and the nation. Ensemble shows, Shaker plays, movies, music, TV shows — no matter the genre, we are excited to illuminate the arts presence in Cleveland. If you want to send us reviews of any music, movies or plays, we would love to publish them. Our e-mail address is [shakerite@shaker.org](mailto:shakerite@shaker.org). Write "Limelight" in the subject line. We hope to hear from you soon! Enjoy!



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# INGENUITY INVADES C-TOWN

• Art and technology festival takes over downtown for Labor Day weekend

BY JOSH DAVIDSON  
LIMELIGHT EDITOR

Downtown is dead.

Cleveland has known this for five years. Euclid Avenue, the once grandiose epicenter of a bustling metropolis (population 400,000) has become the boarded-up main street of a city that last year was named the poorest in the nation.

But on Sept. 1, a four-day arts and technology festival revived the decrepit hub of the city that made us a suburb.

Over Labor Day weekend, 70,000 people poured into downtown to hear, see and taste at the festival that fused art and technology.

Featuring more than 200 performances and 1,000 artists, Ingenuity took over Euclid Avenue between Public Square and East 9th Street. The main stages were located on the corner of Euclid and Public Square, as well as on East 4th Street and inside Tower City.

But these stages could not contain all the live entertainment. The McCrory Art/Tech Expo, a hidden stage and art gallery, was established inside a building across the street from the House of Blues. Just one week before Ingenuity, this space on East 4th Street was filled three feet high with rubble.

Local artists covered the walls of the gallery with paintings, and the basement featured local art rock band, Flat Can Co., performing live under a collage of multicolored lights.

The McCrory Art/Tech Expo supplied a metaphor for Ingenuity as a whole. James Levin ('71), the founder of Cleveland Public Theater, and Thomas Mulready, the writer of the Cool Cleveland e-mail newsletter, conceived the idea and put the festival together in less than a year.

According to an editorial in The Plain Dealer published Sept. 7, "They managed to buck a long-held myth -- that suburbanites won't come downtown."

The typical suburbanites were not the only people there. Indie rockers, fashion-savvy businesswomen and Hawaiian shirt-clad retirees took in the high-tech entertainment.

Featured performers included local bands Cherry Monroe, Carlos

Jones and the P.L.U.S. Band and Cobra Verde, along with a "symphony for 21 iPods" and interpretive dance inspired by open-heart surgery.

Shaker junior Eileen Lalley, who performed at the festival with Senior Ensemble, said Ingenuity was "something so important for Cleveland."

The ensemble performance called "Joggernaut" displayed the Pilobolus technique, which is a method that differs greatly from the rest of dance. Pilobolus is dance theater that "focuses on collaborative movement, particularly two or more people doing weight sharing," explained ensemble director Erik Johnson.

"We had the chance to give people outside the community a taste of Shaker theater," senior and Senior Ensemble member Adrian McLaren said.

The ensemble Pilobolus performance at Ingenuity received a "great response," according to Senior Ensemble member and sophomore Jack Sutorius. By his count, 55 people were in attendance for the ensemble show.

"Ingenuity was a great way to express the true culture of Cleveland," Sutorius said.

FESTIVAL GOERS WALK down East 4th Street Sept. 4 (on screen). The Ingenuity Festival lured 70,000 people to downtown's blocked off streets.



SENIOR ENSEMBLE PERFORMS in a factory at the Ingenuity Festival. Photo by Hans Rinderknecht. Senior David Kohn lifts junior Nick Stagno during an afternoon Senior Ensemble performance at Ingenuity. Photo by Christine McBurney.

## Levin ('71) innovates and invites

BY LIZ KANTOR  
LIMELIGHT EDITOR

Senior Ensemble had one man to thank for their invitation to perform at the Ingenuity Festival. That man is James Levin.

Levin ('71) founded the Cleveland Public Theater and directed this year's Ingenuity Festival along with Thomas Mulready.

Levin gave Theater Department Chairwoman Christine McBurney her first acting job, a connection that prompted Levin to invite Shaker's Senior Ensemble group to perform at Ingenuity. "We got to get out into the community of professional people who are doing what some of us want to do with our lives," Senior Ensemble member David Kohn said.



## INGENUITY FAST FACTS

- Ingenuity Festival created to fuse art and technology
- Held Labor day weekend Sept. 1-4
- General admission to most events: free
- Located on Euclid Avenue between Public Square and East 9th Street, along with East 4th Street between Euclid and Prospect.
- Featured more than 70 organizations from Cleveland's arts and technology communities
- 175 events took place in more than 20 "unconventional urban venues"
- More than 1,000 artists performed
- Organized by Thomas Mulready, from coolcleveland.com, and James Levin ('71), founder of Cleveland Public Theater



TI HAUGH WALKS on stilts through the Ingenuity festival Sept. 4. Indie band Cobra Verde performs on the main stage located on the corner of Euclid and Public square.



Josh Davidson • The Shakerite



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## TEKIELI FINDS COACHING A KICK

BY MIKE YOUNG  
RAIDER ZONE EDITOR

Ed Tekieli is a Shaker Football legend. Russel H. Rupp Stadium would feel empty without him.

"I couldn't picture Shaker without him," senior lineman A.J. Clair said. "He's been there forever; he's a football icon, and his method of coaching is something I'll always remember."

Excluding 1991-92, when Tekieli was an assistant coach at Case Western Reserve University, the 71 year old has been coaching at Shaker since 1968. Before coming to Shaker, Tekieli coached at West Virginia University, Euclid High School and CWRU. In his 47 years at these institutions, 35 of which have been at Shaker, he has only missed one game. When the Raiders visited Warrensville this season on Sept. 24, Tekieli's consecutive game streak was broken because of a well-deserved vacation with his wife.

Tekieli has endured hardships throughout his career, making his dedication even more meaningful.

"I overcame four incidents that broke my strength," Tekieli said. "I had a staph infection in my lower leg, but I could make the game that day if I followed instructions from my doctor, and I did. It might have been amputated if I didn't," he said. At one game, he believed he was suf-

fering symptoms of a heart attack, so his wife had a cardiac arrest team standing by. Prior to the 1989 season, Tekieli received treatment for testicular cancer and was forced to watch practices from the stands.

Tekieli has witnessed many changes for Shaker football. For instance, there was only a three-man staff when Tekieli started at Shaker; today there are 15 coaches. The intensity of the off-season workout programs has also increased. "The football program is now year-round because that's needed to be able to compete," Tekieli said.

Among the many students Tekieli has mentored throughout his years, at least six players have gone onto the NFL, four from Shaker: Quentin Lowry, Orlando Lowry, Adrien Clarke and Nate Clements.

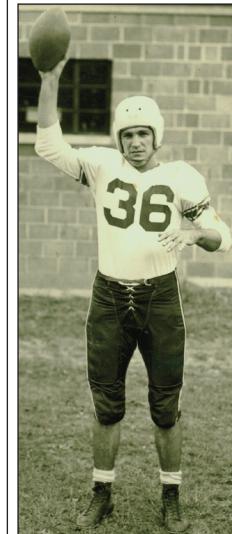
Tekieli has been surrounded by football since childhood, and it has shaped the man he is today.

"In my childhood I was fortunate to grow up in a small, coal-mining town in West Virginia with a great role model, Frank Gatski," Tekieli said. Gatski is a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and Tekieli credits Gatski's work ethic with inspiring him to finish every game.

Tekieli is now working part-time during the season, but has no intention of quitting anytime soon. "My health is good, I have a passion for the game, and cutting back part-time is a commitment to my wife," he said.



Tekieli



Courtesy of Ed Tekieli

### TEKIELI BY THE NUMBERS

- Coached for 47 years
- At Shaker for 35 years
- Mentored six NFL players including two current: Adrien Clarke (Philadelphia Eagles) and Nate Clements (Buffalo Bills)
- Started coaching career at West Virginia University
- Head coach at Euclid for two years
- Asst. coach at Case Western University
- Defensive Line coach this year
- Three-man staff when he started at Shaker

Head Coach Dave Sedmak began coaching at Shaker in 1988 and has been with Tekieli for all but two years.

"Players joked that they'd love to be in his shape at his age," Sedmak said. "Someone else said they'd love to be alive at his age, and another said they'd love to look like that now."

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David Sedmak • Head coach

## No. 2 women's tennis leads fall sports campaign

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JUNIOR ASHLEY ROBINSON returns a serve during practice Sept. 16. The Raider volleyball squad has a 3-8 record and has five returning seniors. The team defeated Euclid and Hathaway Brown. Their next game is at Admiral King Oct. 5 at 4:30 p.m.



Dan Snider • The Shakerite

JUNIOR CONNOR NOBERT clashes with a Heights player in a 1-1 tie Sept. 7. Men's soccer is 3-5-1 and plays Southview Oct. 3 at 4:30 p.m. The women's soccer team has a record of 2-3. They play home against Chardon on Oct. 1 at 11 a.m.



Dan Snider • The Shakerite



Courtesy of Liza Bonthius

PRACTICING AT THE Highland range, senior Marie Hoffman perfects her drive swing. Though women's golf has yet to win, the three first year players have shown great improvement according to head coach Fred Weed. The men's golf team holds second place in the LEL with a 5-2 record. "The season's going well. We just lost to two good teams for our only two losses," junior Kevin McDonald said.



Dan Snider • The Shakerite

THE MEN'S CROSS country team outran Benedictine and placed 15th in the CloverLeaf CC Pack Invitational. The women's cross country squad finished third at the Chanel invitational and seventh at both Brecksville and Villa Angela St. Joseph



Dan Snider • The Shakerite

SENIOR QUARTERBACK ALEX Math launches a pass during the Raiders' 26-18 loss to Akron St. Vincent St. Mary Aug. 27. After losing to the Irish and to St. Edward Aug. 3, Shaker defeated Cincinnati Princeton 46-39, but lost 37-22 to Akron Buchtel, ranked 19th in The Plain Dealer. "I know we're a talented team," senior running back Craig Johnson said. "We still have potential to get this thing rolling." Their next game is at home against Admiral King Oct. 8 at 2 p.m.



Dan Snider • The Shakerite

JUNIOR JULIA SEGER beats an opposing midfielder to the ball in a 3-1 victory over rival Laurel. Senior goalkeeper Abby Stout had 10 saves in Shaker's third field hockey win of the season. They are now 3-2 (3-0 LEL). Their next game is at HB Oct. 6 at 4:30.



David O'Connell • The Shakerite

SERVING THE SHOT, senior Kori Linzie faces off against an Orange player Sept. 6. The women's tennis team, ranked second in The Plain Dealer, has a record of 11-3. The squad lost to Kenston in the Lexington Invitational which senior Jessie Schiller believes was their best match. "We've been successful and we've had the best team since I've been here," Schiller said.